

# HOOLEY HOLIDAY IN IRELAND 2024

with



October 9-20, 2024

**\$2995.00** per person

(Based on *double occupancy*)

**LAND ONLY (Group airfare offered in June)**

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Deluxe motor coach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing.
- Services of professional Irish Driver Guide.
- Ten (10 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Galway	Imperial Hotel- 2 Nights *** <a href="http://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie">www.imperialhotelgalway.ie</a>
Kilkenny	The River Court Hotel – 3 Nights **** <a href="http://www.rivercourthotel.com">www.rivercourthotel.com</a>
Waterford	The Tower Hotel -3 Nights *** <a href="http://www.towerhotelwaterofrd.com">www.towerhotelwaterofrd.com</a>
Dublin	The Radisson Blu Royal Hotel- 2 Nights ***** <a href="http://www.radissonhotels.com">www.radissonhotels.com</a>
- Breakfast daily, Two Dinners: one in Kilkenny, one in Waterford
- Admissions to: Kilkenny Castle, Rock of Cashel, Smithwick’s, Walking Tour of Waterford & Dublin Hop On Hop off Dublin Pass.
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portorage of one suitcase per person, Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

*Cancellation Penalties: If a written cancellation is received by Hammond Tour more than 120days prior to departure, a processing fee of \$250.00 per person will apply. From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$700.00 per person will apply. 50 Days or less prior to departure-a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. **Disclaimer: Hotels may be substituted due to size of group for hotel in same category. Final Hotels list will be sent with Final Documents.***

**Reservation Application**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your **Fenians Tour: October 9-20, 2024 (FEN2024)**

**I enclose \$ 250.00 Deposit due ASAP \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Deposit Due: April 9, 2024: \$350.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**I enclose full payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ : Due July 9, 2024**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ (email): \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds)/Double (1 Bed): \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Supplement: \$1099.00 (*LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE*) \_\_\_\_\_ **YES**

Cancellation Insurance is available through Travel Guard ([www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com)) or Allianz

([www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com))

*Please note, Hammond Tours and The Fenians are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.*

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We accept Amex, MasterCard, Visa or Discover without fee for any payment.

Please make check payable Hammond Tours and send along with the application to:

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## *The Fenians Ireland Itinerary*

### *October 9-20, 2024*

Day 1 October 9 Wednesday	<b>USA-Ireland.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland.
Day 2 October 10 Thursday	<b>Dublin-Galway.</b> Arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Professional Irish Driver/Guides. We depart Dublin and make our way to Galway. Arty, bohemian Galway is renowned for its pleasures. Brightly painted pubs with live music, while cafes offer front-row seats for observing street performers. Steeped in history, the city buzzes with a contemporary and cultured vibe as students make up a quarter of the population. Enjoy some free time this afternoon. <b>Overnight at The Imperial Hotel.</b>
Day 3 October 11 Friday	<b>Galway.</b> After enjoying breakfast, we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel and begin to tour the Connemara. Connemara, white sandy beaches, dark bogs and tall jagged mountains make this one of the most scenic and unspoiled areas in the country. Wild and rugged, in some places here, Gaelic remains the only spoken language. We travel first to Clifden, Founded in the early 19th century by John D'Arcy, it retains much of its Georgian architecture. Placed at the head of a broad Atlantic Bay and nestled below the Twelve Bens, the town is blessed by its beautiful setting. Known as the capital of Connemara, Clifden is a lively location full of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafés. Then we head back to Galway. <b>Overnight at the Imperial Hotel.</b>
Day 4 October 12 Saturday	<b>Galway- Kilkenny.</b> After breakfast at our hotel, we meet our driver guide and begin to make our way to Kilkenny. We first stop in Athlone in the center of Ireland in 1120 the Connaught king built the first of six successive wicker or wooden bridges, and in 1129 a castle to defend it. The bridge and castle were destroyed on behalf of the Meath kingdom and rebuilt by the Connaught kings successively over the next forty years. In 1168 the Annals of the Four Masters record a residence in Athlone for the King of Connaught. We continue to Kilkenny. Sitting on both banks of River Nore, Kilkenny is a picturesque little town that boasts history, heritage, and exciting things to see and do. On top of that, Kilkenny is often regarded as one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Ireland. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight at the River Court Hotel.</b>
Day 5 October 13 Sunday	<b>Kilkenny.</b> After breakfast at our hotel, we meet our driver guide and make our way to visit Kilkenny Castle. A 12th century castle remodeled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands which was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to major restoration works, the central block now includes a library, drawing room, and bedrooms decorated in 1830's splendor, as well as the beautiful Long Gallery. A suite of former servant's rooms is the Butler Art Gallery, which mounts frequently changing exhibitions of contemporary art. The Parade Tower is the Castle's conference venue. <b>Overnight at the River Court Hotel.</b>
Day 6 October 14 Monday	<b>Kilkenny.</b> Today we visit Smithwick's brewery. Harvested from local land, seasoned by its history, Smithwick's has been brewed here in Ireland since 1710. Enjoy your favorite Smithwick's Ale, while one of our local staff explains what makes it so unique, makes for a very enjoyable experience. The rest of the day you are free to enjoy Kilkenny as a free day. <b>Overnight at the River Court Hotel.</b>
Day 7 October 15 Tuesday	<b>Kilkenny-Wexford- Waterford.</b> We enjoy breakfast at our hotel then meet up with our driver guide. Leaving Kilkenny making our way to Wexford, where the streets positively pulse with history. You can see where Henry II did penance in Selskar Abbey for the murder of St. Thomas á Beckett. The ancient walls still stand near where Oliver Cromwell slaughtered women and children in the Bull Ring after a traitor opened the West Gate. Free time to explore this area. We then make our way to Waterford and our hotel. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight at The Tower Hotel.</b>
Day 8 October 16 Wednesday	<b>Waterford Walking Tour.</b> This morning after breakfast, we will meet our guides for a walking tour of Waterford. We will see the Waterford Viking Triangle – part of the cultural and heritage area in Waterford City. It is so called because of the 1000-year-old Viking walls which once surrounded it. The most famous building in the Triangle is Reginald's Tower – the oldest urban civic building in Ireland. The Tower has performed various functions over the years, and today contains the Viking Museum, the Medieval Museum, and the Bishop's Palace Museum, collectively known as Waterford Museum of Treasures. <b>Overnight at The Tower Hotel.</b>
Day 9 October 17 Thursday	<b>Waterford- Tipperary (Cashel)- Waterford.</b> Today after breakfast we make our way to the Rock of Cashel. The Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland's most spectacular historic sites: a prominent green hill, banded with limestone outcrops, rising from a grassy plain and bristling with ancient fortifications. Sturdy walls circle an enclosure containing a complete round tower, a 13th-century Gothic cathedral and the finest 12th-century Romanesque chapel in Ireland, home to some of the land's oldest frescoes. <b>Overnight at The Tower Hotel.</b>
Day 10 October 18 Friday	<b>Waterford- Malahide- Dublin.</b> Today after breakfast we leave Waterford for Dublin. On our way to Dublin, we will pass through Malahide. Malahide Castle, set on 250 acres of parkland in the pretty seaside town of Malahide, was both a fortress and a private home for nearly 800 years and is an interesting mix of architectural styles. A major feature of Malahide Castle Demesne is the beautiful Talbot Botanic Gardens. Then onto Dublin, today you might want to spend some time on Grafton St. to do some shopping or have a pint, in one of the many pubs. <b>Overnight at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.</b>
Day 11 October 19 Saturday	<b>Dublin.</b> Today is a free day in Dublin, which includes a Hop On/Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass. You'll be sure to see St. Patrick's Cathedral where Jonathan Swift gave his sermons; or the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street, the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where bullet-holes remain to this day. Visit the famous Phoenix Park where Pope John Paul II said Mass in 1979 to over a million people; and finally, Trinity College to view the 8 <sup>th</sup> century manuscripts, the Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the monks produced them all those centuries ago. You may also like to take a visit to Dublin's newest museum, a high-tech, interactive exploration of emigration and its effect on Ireland and the 70 million or so people spread throughout the world that claim Irish ancestry. <b>Overnight at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Dublin.</b>
Day 12 October 20 Sunday	<b>Dublin-Dublin Airport-USA.</b> After breakfast we are transferred to nearby Dublin Airport. In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way, we wish you "Safe Home".